



Pre-Ph.D. Pathway

As a Carnegie R1 institution, UTSA is one of the top 4% research universities in the United States. The Carlos Alvarez College of Business is committed to research excellence and academic innovation and is home to distinguished faculty, competitive doctoral programs and innovative research centers.

What is the Pre-Ph.D. Pathway?

Are you passionate about research and making a mark on the world? The Pre-Ph.D. Pathway prepares graduate and undergraduate students with an enriching research experience. Take rigorous academic coursework with a dedicated cohort of students, engage with current doctoral students and faculty and attend research symposiums and conferences.

Pathway Benefits

- Develop transferable research skills to benefit you professionally or jump start your academic career
- Strengthen your presentation skills
- Learn how to execute a research project
- Receive mentoring from top faculty
- Present your research at academic conferences

Is the Pre-Ph.D. Pathway for you?

If you are trying to decide if a doctoral program is the right fit for you, consider the following questions:

- Are you ambitious and motivated to learn?
- Do you like to find new ways to solve problems?
- Do you want to learn how to conduct research?
- Would you like to work closely with talented faculty?
- Are you interested in research workshops and conferences?
- Are you considering applying to a doctoral program?
- Are you considering a research-intensive career?

If you answered “yes” to any of the questions above, the Pre-Ph.D. Pathway may be a great opportunity to gain hands-on research experience. You will also take away valuable skills and tangible outcomes to include on your resume.

Pathway At A Glance

Location
UTSA Carlos Alvarez
College of Business
1 UTSA Circle
San Antonio, TX 78249

Features

- Nine credit hours
- Faculty mentoring
- Peer cohort
- Ph.D. application support

Next Steps

- Complete interest form
- Speak to an academic advisor
- Next cohort begins Spring 2024

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CAREERS IN ACADEMIA

Tenure-Track

- Research
- Service
- Teaching



Non-Tenure-Track

- Service
- Teaching

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE ACADEMIA



Undergraduate Coursework

Course	Title	Credit Hours
GBA 3013	Introduction to Academic Research (Required)	3
EITHER		
GBA 4023	Conducting Cutting Edge and Innovative Research and Discovery	3
GBA 4033	Communication and Visualization of Impactful Research	3
OR		
GBA 4993	Honors Thesis	6
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Graduate Coursework

Course	Title	Credit Hours
GBA 6013	Graduate Academic Research and Programming	3
GBA 6023	Research Conceptualization, Development and Practice	3
GBA 6033	Research Implementation, Reporting and Engagement	3
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Transferable Skills

As you explore your passion for research, there are a number of transferable skills that you will be able to take away from the Pre-Ph.D. Pathway:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Interpersonal skills
- Leadership
- Presentation skills
- Project management
- Research and information management
- Written communication

Contact Us



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